

ARKANSAS  
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



\* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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**RELEASED:** August 23, 1999 3:00 p.m.. A weak frontal passage caused a moderation in temperatures in some areas of the state, but little, to no rainfall was reported. Rain was needed for pasture growth. Most crops were reported in good condition but in need of rainfall according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 61 percent very short, 34 percent short, 5 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing harvesting hay and planning for fall pastures, irrigating corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice, and fertilizing cotton, rice, and warm season forage, brush hogging, starting corn harvesting, scouting for sheath blight in rice and scouting for and treating webworms in soybeans.

**CROPS:** Spraying of cotton for insects were reported in the state. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and soybean fields. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state. Melons were also being harvested throughout the state.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock were reported in fair condition, but the hot and humid weather and lack of grazing was causing deaths in poultry and livestock. Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % <sup>1</sup>				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				2	11	42	38	7
Headed	100	99	98					
Turning Color	89	61	65					
COTTON				0	11	33	43	13
Bolls Opening	22	8	9					
RICE				1	3	24	49	23
Headed	96	89	91					
Harvested	2	1	2					
SOYBEANS				5	16	32	34	13
Blooming	96	90	89					
Setting Pods	78	68	66					
Shedding	3	1	2					
CORN				0	2	26	52	20
ALFALFA				10	20	33	35	2
OTH. HAY				15	31	37	17	0
PASTURE				19	36	33	12	0

<sup>1</sup>Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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